

The following we copy from the N. Y. Times of Wednesday:

The examination of witnesses as to the alleged marriage between the late Harvey Burdell and Mrs. Emma A. Cunningham was continued yesterday before the Surrogate. The recorders cross-examined the witnesses, and the Cunningham family was subjected by the counsel opposing her mother's claim was concluded. Dr. D. Smith and Mr. B. T. Benton were examined on the same side. Dr. Smith testified that on the 23rd of October last, he was called to the residence of the late Mrs. Cunningham, who was about to get married, he smiled significantly. Mr. Benton testified that Dr. Burdell was present at a meeting of the board of directors of the Artisan's Bank of which the witness also was a member on the 23rd of October last, the date of the marriage, and took part in a discussion relative to matters concerning the bank. At this stage in the proceedings the claimant's counsel announced that they would rest their case. The further hearing of testimony was adjourned till Thursday morning, when the opposing counsel will proceed to submit evidence against the marriage. A committee of the ten governors recommended the removal of Miss Jackson from her place as teacher in the Randall's Island School. Miss Jackson is the lady who was charged with punishing lads by burning their tongues on the stove. Gov. Townsend introduced a resolution as an offer, and under it a committee of investigation was appointed, alleging that the principal of this same school preaches his pupils against Catholic teachers.

IMPORTANT ARMY ORDERS—Troops for Utah and Kansas—Billy Bowlegs to be Conized West—Gov. Geary.—A despatch from Washington conveys the following information:

Instructions have been issued from the War Department ordering General Harney and troops immediately from Florida to Fort Leavenworth. Col. Sumner, with a force of about 1,000 men, has also been ordered against the Iowa and Cheyenne Indians. On the restoration of peace in those quarters, he will proceed with his troops to Utah—the shameful licentiousness of which Territory the Administration is determined shall be broken up.

It is estimated that early in June there will be at least 3,000 United States troops in Kansas, under the command of Major General Harney and Persifer F. Smith.

The arrangements made last fall for a deputation of Choctaws and Seminoles from the west of the Mississippi, to pay a visit to Billy Bowlegs, and endeavor to coax him to remove West, will be carried out in a few days.

Ex-Governor Geary, of Kansas, is still here, but solely on private business. He expects to leave on Wednesday morning.

OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD FINISHED.—We regret that we were unable to be present, as invited, at the interesting event noticed in the following paragraph from the Cincinnati Commercial:

On Wednesday the last huge fragment of blasted rock was rolled out of the thorough-cut this side of Mitchell, and at twenty minutes past three, Daniel D. Page spiked the last rail in the three hundred and forty miles of the iron road connecting Cincinnati and St. Louis.

The attendance at the ceremony was not large, the wind blew chill and raw out of the West, and the municipal dignitaries of the capitals and States thus united were not present, but the sublimity of the event was not lost upon those who were there, and will be fully recognized throughout the world. Indeed, the absence of pomp and parade and multitude seemed to enhance the hour.

IMPORTANT EXPEDITION.—The Philadelphia Inquirer, of April 14, says:

We learn that to-morrow, a corps of engineers, headed by Mr. Trautwine, of this city, will leave New York for Honduras, to make the final survey, and to fix the exact location for a double track railroad to connect the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Porto Cabellos, on the Atlantic side, and Conchagua, or the Gulf of Fonseca, on the Pacific, will be the termini; embracing a distance of about 170 miles, through a highly fertile and diversified country, abounding in all the requisites for railroad building—fine timber, pure water, and quarries of rock. The route lies through a section of country which offers but little more than ordinary obstacles to the construction of a road; a fact which the Hon. E. Geo. Squier, and the efficient engineers who surveyed the route in 1853, have fully demonstrated to an enterprising English company, which has now undertaken to build it.

THE CUBA SUGAR CROP.—A letter from Havana to the New York Times, dated April 9, says:

It is now pretty well acknowledged that the sugar crop in this island will be shorter at least by one-fifth than last year's. Interested parties are doing their best to conceal the truth, but the time is fast approaching when the official statements must be published. A large number of estates have already finished grinding, particularly in the vicinity of Mantanzas. Throughout the whole island, the cane has been more or less injured by the strong winds and excessively hard rains. In addition to these calamities, the heavy frosts hit the young growth. I have heard, also, that the yield has been quite small, compared with that of previous years, to such an extent that many of the estates have made at least thirty per cent. less than last year. This has had the effect of raising prices to the present exorbitant standard, from which they will not abate.

A MISSING STUDENT.—The Danville Tribune says:

Mr. Charles Price, a student at the Theological Seminary at this place, left his boarding house in a very singular manner on Friday night, the 3d inst., and has not since been heard of. As he was a young man of religious and regular habits, and could have had no motive for leaving in such a manner, his disappearance has created a great anxiety among his friends and relatives. Any information concerning him will be very gratefully received, both by his distressed mother, Mrs. Maria Price, of Nicholasville, and by the Professors of the Seminary at this place.

To the Editors of the Louisville Journal:

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., April 12, 1857. GENTLEMEN: I have just returned from a visit to Southern Illinois. This portion of this great State is just beginning to attract public attention and become properly appreciated. For the millions of its climate and consequent advantages, its vast mineral resources, its great abundance of superior timber, etc., it must very soon become a very important portion of the State. Having of late heard so much said about it, I concluded, while in that region, to go and see it. I did so, and was surprised to see the progress of the place. One year ago but five or six persons lived there, and now there are about eight hundred to one thousand inhabitants. The managers seem to desire to make it a manufacturing city, and to this end they have already succeeded in locating there several very important establishments. The building of a large foundry, machine shop, etc., are nearly completed, an extensive marine railway is considerably advanced toward completion, a large steam piling is under way, a floating dock is being built, and numerous other important concerns are strongly tending to be put under way this spring; indeed the place, as a manufacturing point, is beginning to attract very general attention, and it is almost impossible to see and determine for themselves as to its advantages.

The company under whose auspices the town has been laid out, was chartered by the late Legislature of Illinois, under the name and style of "The Emporium Real Estate and Manufacturing Company," with a capital of \$50,000, and a charter having been granted for five years to run. A charter for a railroad was also obtained, connecting with the Ohio and Mississippi Road at Vincennes. A company has been organized under the name of the "Mound City and St. Louis Railroad," and the route for this road, while it shortens very considerably the distance to Louisville, Cincinnati, and other points eastward, passes through a portion of the State very rich in mineral resources, hitherto almost wholly undeveloped. I saw the president, engineer, and other officers of this company, who told me that they would at once proceed to survey the route and locate the road, and that they had every reason to feel assured that the stock would be subscribed at an early day, and the road put under construction.

The next public sale of lots at Mound City will come off on the 4th day of June next. I did not visit Cairo, but was told that considerable improvements were going on there also. Speaker Banks is represented to have said in a speech delivered by him some time last year that "the Mississippi Valley would some day contain the largest city in the world." Cairo holds the claim to be the largest city in the world, and the location for that city. If so, I can see no reason for a spirit of jealousy or rivalry existing between them, for if either of them have the location, the other will not be far behind in its extent. As a manufacturing point, Mound City certainly possesses very great advantages over Cairo, while the latter has advantages in a commercial point of view. I wish them both a full share of prosperity, and hope that they will soon meet and embrace each other somewhere below the mouth of Cache river.

The wheat crop in Southern Illinois is well. In this section of the State nearly all of the winter wheat is killed, and the farmers are making preparations for putting in a spring crop, but, owing to the backwardness of the season and the late heavy rains rendering the ground too wet, I can't suppose that a very large crop will be put in. As ever, yours, B.

Joseph W. Massey, of Cincinnati, fell dead in New Orleans on the 10th inst.

MISSING.—The Vincennes Gazette says: We understand that the friends of Mr. John McCord are distressed at his whereabouts. Mr. McCord left home for Louisville two weeks ago, and was to have returned in about two days; but nothing has been heard of him.

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY'S PROCEEDINGS.

SECOND DAY. Mot pursuant to adjournment. Drs. A. V. Brewer and E. K. Seely were elected to membership. Dr. S. J. Spelman, chairman of Committee on Nominations, reported the following gentlemen for the offices which are annexed to their respective names, who were elected without dissenting voices:

L. F. Owen, Newcastle, President.
 J. T. Bradford, Augusta, Sen. Vice President.
 H. L. Givens, Lagrange, Jun. Vice President.
 S. M. Bemis, Louisville, Recording Secretary.
 B. M. White, Louisville, Corresponding Secretary.
 N. B. Anderson, Louisville, Treasurer.
 J. W. Bond, Louisville, Librarian.
 J. P. Vandell, D. D. Thomson, and J. Hardin Committee on Publication.

Dr. Spelman and others were appointed a committee to conduct the President elect to the chair, who, before taking his seat, thanked the Society for the honor they had done him and assured them of the great interest and zeal he entered into its welfare, and requested the active cooperation of all the members to elevate to the highest possible standard the medical profession of Kentucky.

Upon motion of Dr. Givens Dr. E. L. Goode, of Campbellsville, was appointed his alternate as delegate to Nashville.

Dr. Bradford's very able report on ovariotomy was now taken up until 11 o'clock, when the President directed the President's address. This address (by Dr. Seely) was listened to with that profound attention which its eloquence and scholarship would always command. Dr. D. W. A. Yandell remarked that five years ago this Society had received with great satisfaction a report from a committee on medical ethics. He desired to know if it still subsisted to the portion of the report which related to annual services, or contracts by the year. He wished to offer a resolution—that this Society consider it derogatory to the character of the profession, and unfair to its younger members, to make contracts by the year, "and when the physician accepts such an offer or takes the initial steps in such bargaining, his object is to place himself beyond the reach of honorable compulsion." After a spirited discussion, in which many members participated, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Dr. L. P. Yandell moved to take up Dr. Chipley's motion, which was passed yesterday, that the chair now appoint a Committee of Ways and Means, to consist of seven, located in different portions of the State, whose duty it shall be to devise and carry into effect the best means to raise the funds necessary for the publication of the valuable reports which had for several years accumulated in the possession of the Society. The following appointments were made: Dr. W. C. Sneed, Frankfort; Dr. W. L. Sulton, Georgetown; Dr. W. S. Chipley, Lexington; Dr. Evans, Covington; Dr. J. M. Miller, Henderson; Drs. D. W. Yandell and S. M. Bemis, Louisville.

Dr. Cook offered the following preamble and resolution: Whereas, the object of this society being to foster the progress of medical science by collecting statistics and presenting reports on special subjects of most vital importance to the profession and public; and whereas its existence and perpetuity depend upon the fidelity with which the members comply with the rules and regulations of its organization. Therefore—

Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of three to address a circular to the members of the association urging the necessity of transmitting to the recording secretary the annual dues.

The resolution was adopted, and the following committee was appointed: Drs. A. B. Cook, G. W. Ronald, B. M. White.

Dr. Powell offered a resolution suggesting to physicians throughout the State to publish a tariff of charges justly and conscientiously adapted to their various localities, and conform to the same as uniformly as the peculiar circumstances of their practice will permit. Resolved, That this shall not be interpreted to restrict any member of the profession in the largest exercise of charity towards needy patients, which was unanimously adopted.

The President now appointed the standing and select committees as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Public Hygiene—Dr. S. M. Bemis, Louisville;
 On Vital Statistics—Dr. W. S. Chipley, Lexington;
 On Epidemics—Dr. W. L. Sulton, Georgetown;
 On Obstetrics—Dr. L. P. Yandell, Louisville;
 On Practice of Medicine—Dr. L. P. Yandell, Louisville;
 On Improvements in Surgery—Dr. M. Goldsmith, Louisville.

SELECT COMMITTEES.

On Medical Biography—Dr. S. J. Spelman, Harrodsburg;
 On the Relation of Disease and Particular Geological Formations—Dr. J. M. Miller, Henderson;
 On Statistics of Lethotomy—Dr. W. Yandell, Louisville;
 On Anesthetics—Dr. D. D. Thomson, Louisville;
 On Puerperal Diseases—N. B. Anderson, Louisville;
 On Syphilitic Diseases—D. W. Yandell, Louisville;
 On Effects of Vaccine Virus when introduced into a system already affected with Small-Pox Poison—Dr. H. B. Givens, Lagrange.

On the use of Cataplasms as a remedial agent—Dr. J. T. Bradford, Augusta.

On the Society of Nursing Women—Dr. J. Gore, Bloomfield.

Adjourned to half-past seven P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

Dr. White's report on nervous diseases was read and received.

Dr. Bradford's report was again continued until the hour for adjournment.

Dr. Spelman enlarged Dr. B.'s report, and hoped soon to see both it and Dr. White's report in print. The thanks of the Society were due to Dr. Bradford for his trouble in bringing two very large tumors, which he had removed from the abdomen, to exhibit to this Society. He also moved a vote of thanks to the trustees and officers of the Baptist Church for their courtesy in placing the room at the disposal of the Society, which was unanimously passed.

The Secretary desired to state to the Association that he had information that an excellent hall would leave Louisville about the first of May, direct for Nashville, and would afford delegates a convenient opportunity of going.

On motion, adjourned to meet in Louisville on the third Wednesday in April, 1858.

[From this morning's Journal.]

WASHINGTON, April 17.

A special dispatch to Washington this evening to the State's newspaper from New Orleans of the 16th says that official advice has been received in that city to the effect that the Mexican Government has admitted that the contractors engaged on the Tehuantepec Railroad have complied with the terms of the original contract, and that the official authorities have received the road.

WASHINGTON, April 17.

No mail has been received beyond Wilmington, North Carolina.

The jail at Hagerstown, Md., was entirely destroyed by fire. Prisoners saved.

CINCINNATI, April 17, P. M.

Weather milder, and just commenced raining. Wind from the South. River falling—13 feet in the channel.

PITTSBURG, April 17, P. M.

River 7 feet 5 inches, and falling. Weather clear and cool.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 16, 1857.

Present—Andrew Monroe, President, and all the members.

The reading of the journal of the previous session was dispensed with.

Mr. P. B. Muir, member elect from the Seventh ward, appeared, and, having previously taken the required oath, took his seat.

President Monroe announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Finance—Messrs. Muir, Pope, and Shanks.

Revision—Messrs. Baird, Muir, and Craig.

Streets, Eastern District—Messrs. Pope, Caswell, and Newman.

Streets, Western District—Messrs. Weaver, Gillis, and Huston.

What—Messrs. Overall, Shanks, and Huston.

Public Works—Messrs. Shanks, Weaver, and Craig.

Taverns and Groceries, Eastern District—Messrs. Newman, Semple, and Overall.

Taverns and Groceries, Western District—Messrs. Huston, Baird, and Sargent.

Workhouse—Messrs. Caswell, Gillis, and Kendall.

Fire Department—Messrs. Craig, Semple, and Gillis.

Police—Messrs. Gillis, Baird, and Browning.

Education—Messrs. Semple, Muir, and Huston.

Elections—Messrs. Kendall, Browning, and Weaver.

Hospital—Messrs. Sargent, Semple, and Newman.

Gas and Water—Messrs. Pope, Craig, and Browning.

Alms-House—Messrs. Browning, Sargent, and Caswell.

Public Printing—Messrs. Gillis, Overall, and Craig.

Mr. Shanks, on leave, introduced a resolution raising a joint session this evening at 8 o'clock to elect a chief of police, which was adopted.

The engineer submitted a claim of \$214 56 in favor of John G. Lyons, balance due for repairing

Beargrass cut-off, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

The Engineer submitted a claim of \$26 in favor of J. D. Selvaige for repairing bridge on Eleventh cross street and repairing well on Portland Avenue, which was referred to the Street Committee of the Western District.

A communication was read from J. H. Kitzner proposing to take charge of the Oakland Cemetery, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance, with leave to report, when—

Mr. Muir, from said Committee, reported a resolution proposing a postponement of the election of keeper of the Oakland Cemetery, which was adopted.

A claim of \$2 50 in favor of G. S. Jones, for repairing the well at the corner of Second and Jefferson streets, was referred to the Street Committee of the Eastern District.

A communication was read from H. H. Higdon in relation to the work on Portland Avenue, which was referred to the Joint Committees on Streets of the two Districts.

The annual report of the Chief of Police for the year ending March 10, 1857, was read and ordered to be filed.

A claim of \$26 in favor of Overall & Morlan, for groceries furnished to the Workhouse, was referred to the Committee on Workhouse.

A claim of \$5 in favor of John Lilly, for room rent of police office, Eastern District, was referred to the Committee on Police.

Mr. Overall presented the petition of S. B. Howard for a tavern license on Market, between Third and Preston streets, which was referred to the Committee on Taverns and Groceries of the Eastern District.

Mr. Shanks presented a claim of \$3 75, in favor of Wm. Hannah, for coal furnished the Work House, in 1853, which was referred to the Committee on the Workhouse.

Mr. Caswell presented a petition from John Rapp, asking the General Council to refund to him the money paid by him for tavern license, which was referred to the Committee on Taverns and Groceries in the Eastern District.

Mr. Gillis, from a special committee, reported in favor of granting a petition to Alexander Duvall, late City Treasurer, which was adopted and the same ordered to be recorded.

A communication was read from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, notifying the General Council of the purchase of ten more of the school bonds, for the benefit of the public schools, which was ordered to be filed.

A message from the Mayor, transmitting the duplicate leases for the stalls in Market-House No. 3, Jacob Friddle, Market-Master, was presented from the Board of Aldermen and filed.

A report of Wm. S. Badger, sexton of the City Cemetery, from the 15th of April, was presented from the Board of Aldermen and filed.

A communication from a committee of citizens of Memphis inviting the Mayor and General Council to visit said City on the 1st and 2nd of May next, to participate in the celebration of the opening of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, was presented from the Board of Aldermen, when, on motion, Mayor Pilcher was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen directing the Mayor to contract with J. M. Summers at his bid for keeping in repair the public wells and pumps in the Eastern District, having been amended in this Board, the same was returned from the Board of Aldermen, they adhering to the original resolution, when, on motion, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Shanks introduced a resolution authorizing the Mayor to borrow \$10,000, at four months' time, with which to pay the expenses of the Workhouse and street hands, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Sargent presented a claim of \$33 35 in favor of Brawner & Vaughan for coal furnished workhouse, which was referred to the Committee on Workhouse.

Mr. Gillis moved that the Finance Committee be required to report, at the next meeting of the Council, an appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year ending March 10th, 1857, which motion carried.

JOINT SESSION.

Pursuant to resolution, the two Boards met in joint session, when the following officers were duly elected to fill the respective offices, to-wit:

Jeremiah Diller, Wharfmaster.

J. W. Putnam, Superintendent of City Alms House.

Dr. R. H. Allen, Physician Eastern District.

Dr. E. K. Seely, Physician Western District.

J. M. Boggs, Mastermaster Houses Nos. 1 and 2.

Jacob Friddle, do do No. 3.

E. J. White, do do No. 4.

J. C. Mathews, do do No. 5.

J. M. Read, Keeper Oakland Cemetery.

John Austin, Keeper Western Cemetery.

N. L. Owings and H. B. Westbay, Inspectors of Liquors.

R. H. Crump and A. J. Malone, Inspectors of Flour.

Joseph Gibson and John Kufus, Inspectors of Beef, Pork, and Lard.

George Kirk and R. A. Collins, Measurers and Weighers of Coal, Wood, and Lime.

S. G. Addison and John G. Arnold, Inspectors of Salt.

W. W. Sawes and F. W. Vodge, Measurers of Carpenter's Work.

Wm. Cross and Wm. Stewart, Measurers of Plasterer's Work.

James B. Lewis and Flem. Wright, Measurers of Brick and Stone Work.

James E. Shaw and D. Holt, Measurers of Painting.

James Kirkpatrick, Chief of Police.

On motion, the joint session arose.

SEPARATE SESSION.

A resolution was presented from the Board of Aldermen directing the Mayor to borrow \$20,000, on four months' time for the payment of the balance due by the city, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A resolution was presented from the Board of Aldermen, directing the Mayor to purchase a barrel of oil for the Union, and one for the Rescue Fire Companies, to be paid out of the quarterly allowance of said companies, which was adopted.

A resolution was presented from the Board of Aldermen, directing the Mayor to cause the contract for the improvement of the sidewalk in front of the Western Cemetery to be extended so as to embrace all that portion fronting on Jefferson street, and belonging to the city, which was referred to the Street Committee of the Western District.

Mr. Monroe moved that all documents relating to the Fire Department, heretofore referred to a special committee, be called up and referred to a special committee of five, which was carried, and the same were referred to Messrs. Craig, Semple, Gillis, Weaver, and Baird.

A resolution to adjourn, to meet again on Monday evening, April 20th, at 7 1/2 o'clock, was adopted, when, on motion, the Board adjourned.

JOHN M. VAUGHAN, Clerk.

NO SLAVERY IN MEXICO.—According to one of the provisions of the new Mexican Constitution, all persons born in the Republic of Mexico are born free; and all slaves touching the Mexican territory regain by that act their liberty, and have a right to the protection of the laws.

Goody for April—Price 20 Cents.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK for April just received by GRUMP & WELSH, 84 Fourth St. near Market.

New and Valuable Books.

TRAVELS and Researches in Chaldaea and Susiana, with an account of Excavations at Warka, the "Erech" of Nimrod and Shush, "Shushan" the Palace of Esther, in 1845-56, by Wm. Kennett Loftus, F. G. S. Price 2s.

The Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor, a journey from Cairo to Beersheba, by Horatio Bonar, D. D. Price \$1.

Memories of Bethany, by the author of "Words of Jesus," "Footsteps of St. Paul," &c. Price 1s.

Life of Sir John Lubbock, Bart., and Higher Forms, or Manifestations of the Divine Wisdom in the Natural History of Animals, by Philip Henry Gosse, F. R. S. &c. Price 1s.

The Christian of History. Fresh supply. 75c.

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